To the WORSHIPFUL

Henry Jeffcutt, Esq; Mayor,

The Aldermen, Bailiffs, Burgesses,

And the Rest of the Worthy INHABITANTS of the TOWN of *NORTHAMPTON*;

This Yearly BILL *of* MORTALITY

Is presented by their most Obedient and Humble Servant,

ALEXANDER PHILLIPS.

The Bill of Mortality within the Parish of *All-Saints* in the Town of *Northampton*, from the 21st Day of *Dec.* 1753, to the 21st Day of *Dec.* 1754; inclusive of the Persons (in Number 5) buried from the *County Infirmary*. And also those buried at the *Quakers* Burying-Ground 2. The Meeting in *College-Lane* 1. The Meeting on the *Green* 3.

Diseases.													
A	Abortive 1	Aged 24	Apoplexy 4	Cancer 4	Child-bed 2	Cholick 1	Consumption 20	Convulsion 23	Dropsy 6	Fevers 9	Measles 1	Mortifications 2	Teeth 3

Christened, Males 37. Females 41. Total 78. | *Buried*, Males 47. Females 53. Total 100.

Whereof have died,							
Under Two Years old - 29	Five and Ten - 3	Thirty and Forty - 8	Sixty and Seventy 8
Between Two and Five - 2	Ten and Twenty 4	Forty and Fifty - 6	Seventy and Eighty 16
	Twenty and Thirty 11	Fifty and Sixty - 10	Eighty and Ninety 3

	CHRISTENED.			BURIED.		
	Males	Females	*Total.*	Males	Females	*Total*
ALL-SAINTS.	37	41	78	47	53	100
St. SEPULCHRE's.	11	16	27	11	14	25
St. GILES's.	14	17	31	15	12	27
St. PETER's.	1	1	2	3	3	6
At the Meeting in St. *Peter*'s Parish				7	7	14
In the whole Town.	63	75	138	83	89	172
	Increased - - - 8			Increased -		- 10

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SEE, how as oft' as Gene ations come,
The former dies to give the Strangers Room!
For *here* a *Birth*, lo! *there* a *Death* has been:
The Race of Mortals is a changing Scene.
The Muse with Welcome *greets* the *Infants born*;
But *grieves* to see, when, from their Mothers torn,
They at the Gate of Life resign their Breath,
And pass so soon the common Out-let——*Death*.
But, tho' she weeps, to see a Life so short,
And fierce Diseases storm the feeble Fort,
Faith restor'd from these her sad Alarms,
S[illegible]s they're folded in their Saviour's Arms;
And joys to think them, by an early Fate,
Snatch'd from the Sins and Griefs of longer Date.
Where Infant Life has been prolong'd to grow
Of its fond Parents the best Hope below,
In this Account of mortal *Youth* we read,
The Parent's Hope of his *dear Child* is fled;
Or *this* made *Orphan*, destitute, forlorn,
With filial Tears and Piety to mourn.

Some, with sad Gommand, and with weeping Eye,
And Breast that labours with the throbbing Sigh,
May *here* and *there* record the mortal Stroke,
Which the sweet Bands of *Marriage-Union* broke;
The *Patron* of some tender Offspring's Fate;
Or his once best-lov'd *Partner's widow'd State*:
And *Others* broken Ties of *Birth* and *Blood*,
Or *Love* and *Friendship* in this Neighbourhood.
Some in full Vigour hurried off the Stage;
Some bow'd with long Infirmity and Age;
Nor *Age*, nor *Sex*, nor *Character* have found
Shield to prevent, or *Balm* to heal the Wound.
Think not, that *Death* and its Destruction's past,
When *next Year's* Bill may far exceed *the last*;
And he, who thinks his Time at his Command,
Full at the Head of the new List may stand.
The Muse *affirms not*, nor *dares She deny*,
That Death's sure *Shafts* may thick around us fly;

But wou'd proclaim *their great Director's* Praise,
Whose *sweeping Scourge* observes such kind Delays;
Yet, for the Love she bears NORTHAMPTON'S Weal,
(And sure the *Muses* kind Affections feel)
She faithful bids Temerity *beware*,
And wishes, while you for the worst prepare,
You may be blest with *Health and Length of Days*,
And late prolong your heavenly *Guardian's* Praise,
Till the fair *Fruits* of *ripen'd Virtue* show,
The *Tree* is good on which such *Clusters* grow.
Then, when, at *Death*, you make your last Remove,
It can't divide you from a *Saviour's* Love:
But, when your Flourish here shall be no more,
And sad surviving Friends your Death deplore,
He, who is now your Source of Life and *Root*,
Will set you *blooming* for *immortal Fruit*
Up where he is, in rich Cælestial *Ground*,
Where neither *Sin* nor Blast of *Death* is found.

Amen and *Amen*